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**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made in the instant Office Action are respectfully requested, in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

**Telephonic Interviews of December 21 and 22, 2004**

During telephonic interviews with Applicants' representative, Stephen M. Roylance and Examiner Marx on December 21 and 22, 2004, it was agreed that incorporating the recitations of claim 7 into claim 9, and deleting the recitation previously in claim 7 of the genus *Gordonia* would place the application in condition for allowance.

The foregoing amendments are in compliance with the telephonic discussion and include amendments to correct typographical errors, as well as to incorporate the recitation into claim 1 of *Gordonia rubropertinctus* (from claim 8) and *Gordonia sputi* (claim 8).

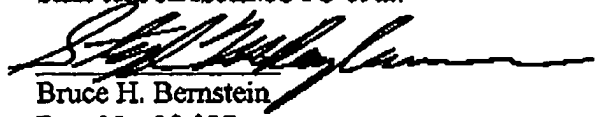
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